



FHS Seniors and Families ~

We look forward to working with you in the college planning process!

This Quick Guide has been created to provide all the information you should need to complete your college application process.

~ Fairfax HS Student Services



FHS College Planning Quick Guide 2024-2025

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If you are interested in going to NOVA after graduation, please attend:

NOVA Information Session
Nov. 13
10:15–11:15 am (LT)
Cafeteria

For monthly NOVA Workshops throughout the Spring and how to register, see: [Flyer](#)

If you have questions about NOVA, you can contact:

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Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator

Office of Outreach and Recruitment

Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale Campus

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, VA 22003-3743

Email: calford@nvcc.edu

The pages beyond this section will focus on applying to a four year college. Read on if you are interested.

FHS Student Services

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703-219-2200

School Testing Code/CEEB Code: 470785

Graduation Date: June 5, 2025

Class Size: 622

Class Rank: None

GPA Scale: 4.0

GPA Weighting: Weighted

Course Scheduling: Semester

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College Planning Flowchart

The four primary components of a completed college application file include the student's application, high school transcript, test scores (if applicable), and recommendations.

APPLICATION

Student completes online application on one of the following platforms:

- * [Common Application](#)
[Common Application Help Sheet](#)
- * [Coalition Application](#)
- * College-Specific Application

Essay

Activity Record/
Resume

Pay attention to deadlines!

(It is likely you will need to request your transcript BEFORE you are ready to submit your application).

Completed
College
Application!

RECOMMENDATIONS

Student determines need for recommendations (either teacher and/or counselor). **Some colleges do not require or read them.**

Students must request a recommendation from their School Counselor/Teacher at least 15 school days prior to application deadline. Students also MUST complete the Counselor Questionnaire Google Doc in order to receive a letter from their Counselor. See transcript deadline page.

***The Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire is a Google Doc. This has a priority deadline of Sept. 30th**

TRANSCRIPT

Student requests high school transcript (which will be sent to the college directly by FHS).

An [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records Form](#) must be on file in order for FHS to send official transcripts.

[FHS Transcript Request Form](#) can be found on the FHS website in the transcript section.

Students must request their transcripts by the FHS Deadlines (see chart of deadlines).

It is the student's responsibility to monitor the status of their college applications and to make sure the college has received all materials. Check emails or the college's application portal/website.

TEST SCORES

Student requests test scores directly from the testing agency ([College Board](#) or [ACT](#)).

The timeframe for score delivery depends on the way a college chooses to receive scores.

Once colleges receive your scores, processing could take up to a week or more.

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College Application Responsibilities

TRANSCRIPT ASSISTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Receive FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records (IS-111) and Transcript Request Form from the student.
 - Check for parent signature (for students under 18 years of age)
 - Process information
 - Prepare the transcript packet: Fairfax School Profile and Academic Transcript
 - Give transcript form and packet to the appropriate counselor

COUNSELOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete Secondary School Report Form
- Complete letter of recommendation utilizing student's responses from Google Doc questionnaire. As a reminder, students have at least 15 school days prior to the application deadline to request a letter of recommendation.
- **Submit Official Transcript, Secondary School Report Form, FHS School Profile and Letter of Recommendation (if applicable) directly to the college/university.**

Students are responsible for having official test scores sent directly from College Board (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (www.act.org) to their colleges and the NCAA Clearinghouse (if applicable).

FHS does NOT send test scores.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete your application online and submit it directly to the college/university with your payment.
- Request test scores directly from testing agency (College Board or ACT). FHS does NOT send test scores.
- Complete the [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records \(IS-111\) Form](#). This form must be on file in order for FHS to release official transcripts to colleges and scholarship organizations. This form must have a parent/guardian signature (if student under 18 years of age). Regardless of your plans, ALL seniors are encouraged to submit this form in the fall of their senior year.
- Complete a [Fairfax Transcript Request Form](#). This form must be fully completed before any transcripts will be released to colleges or universities. (Refer to "Letters of Rec" section for more details).
- **If you are applying to colleges via Common App, you must list all colleges on your Transcript Request Form.**
- Discuss with your counselor the need for a counselor recommendation. Refer to Instructions for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation in the Guide.
 - Some colleges do not ask for, nor read, recommendations.
 - Students should give their recommenders **at least** fifteen school days notice before the college deadline in order to receive a letter.
- Monitor applicant portals to confirm receipt of all application materials by your colleges. Check your email on a regular basis!

College Planning Checklist

In order to ensure successful and timely submission of your college applications and supporting documents please complete the following checklist at least 30 CALENDAR DAYS before your earliest college deadline.

Projected Completion Date	Task	Task Completed
College List		
	Update your list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explore the "Colleges" section of Naviance: Find Your Fit, Research Colleges, College Compare, Acceptance History, Scholarships and Money, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sign up for College Visits held at FHS in Naviance. Ms. Kim posts all visits during the fall.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deadlines		
	Make note of your earliest college deadline here:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use the dates listed at the top of the FHS Transcript Request Form to determine the deadline you should submit your FHS Transcript Request Form to Ms. McCabe. Please note the due date is 15 school days prior to the college application deadline. Make note of the deadline here:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resume		
	Use Naviance to build your resume (About Me > Resume)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay		
	Determine how many essays will be required for each college on your list	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Give yourself time to write rough drafts of your essays and to seek helpful feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Counselor Letter of Recommendation		
	Complete the FHS Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire Google Doc. Be sure to share the questionnaire (via Google) once complete.	<input type="checkbox"/>

College Planning Checklist

Transcripts		
Review the Transcript Request Procedures and follow them carefully to ensure that your transcript is sent to all of the colleges you are applying to.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Determine if any schools are self-reporting. If so, include it on the transcript request form so we know where you are applying. You will need to report all of your courses/grades to a self-reporting school. You can request an unofficial transcripts from your counselor.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete BOTH the FHS Transcript Request Form and Consent for Release of Student Records (IS-111) form and hand deliver or email the forms to Ms. McCabe (ccmccabe1@fcps.edu)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Scores		
Students must request for College Board and/or ACT to send official test scores to colleges.		<input type="checkbox"/>
FHS does NOT send test scores.		
College Application		
Complete you college application(s) online with the individual college(s) or use Common App or Coalition if available or required by college/university		<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit your college application(s) directly to the college/university and include your application fee payment. Use Common App or Coalition if required by the college/university.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairfax High School will send a school profile, official transcript, counselor recommendation (if required) and an FHS secondary school report to each college that you apply to. We use a custom secondary school form so students do not need to submit college-specific forms with their transcript requests.		
FHS does NOT send SAT/ACT/AP/TOEFL scores.		

Transcript Deadlines

College Deadline	Transcript Request Due	College Deadline	Transcript Request Due
October 1, 2024	September 10, 2024	January 1, 2025	December 2, 2024
October 15, 2024	September 19, 2024	January 2, 2025	December 2, 2024
November 1, 2024	October 10, 2024	January 15, 2025	December 9, 2024
November 15, 2024	October 21, 2024	February 1, 2025	January 9, 2025
Nov. 30/Dec 1, 2024	October 31, 2024	March 1, 2025	February 7, 2025
December 15, 2024	November 20, 2024	March 15, 2025	February 24, 2025



FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Student Name (print neatly: Last, First, Middle Initial) _____

Student ID # _____

Student FCPS Email Address: _____

Student Cell # _____

I request that Fairfax High School release my official records (my child's official records) to the college(s) listed below. The parent/guardian signature is only required once for the initial transcript request. Once this form is on file, students may submit additional requests by submitting page 3 of this document without parent/guardian consent. If a student wants to remove a school from their request form, please email Ms. McCabe, Transcript Assistant, at ccmccabe1@fcps.edu.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Please check one:

- Yes, I waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by my counselor
- No, I do not waive my right to review or have copies of any letters of recommendation written by my counselor (colleges will be notified)

<u>Print neatly or type:</u> Name of College/Scholarship Admissions Office Address City, State, Zip Code	College Deadline Date or Rolling	Application Type Common App Coalition App College's App Scholarship	Counselor Letter of Rec. Needed? If yes, please submit Counselor Questionnaire	Decision Type Early Action (EA) Early Decision (ED) Regular/Rolling (R) Other (O)	Student Services Use Only	
					Date to Asst	SENT
	Deadline: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling	<input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition <input type="checkbox"/> College's <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> EA <input type="checkbox"/> ED <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> O		
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	Deadline: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> EA <input type="checkbox"/> ED		

Transcript Request Procedures

- An [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records \(Transcript Release\) Form](#) **must be on file in order for FHS to release official transcripts to colleges and scholarship organizations.** This form must have a parent/guardian signature. Regardless of their plans, all seniors are encouraged to submit this form in the fall of their senior year.
- A [Fairfax High Transcript Request Form](#) must be completed before any transcripts will be released to colleges or universities.
- All transcript requests must either be EMAILED or given directly, in person, to the transcript assistant (**NOT the counselor**). Ms. McCabe's hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm; she is not here before or after school, so plan accordingly. Ms. McCabe will process the request and then pass the request to the student's school counselor, who is responsible for sending the transcript to the college.
- **PLAN ACCORDINGLY!** A minimum of 15 school days is required before the college application deadline.
 - Transcript requests received less than 72 hours from the college deadline are **NOT** guaranteed to be sent by the deadline.
- Complete your college application online and submit it directly to the college/university with your college application fee. NOTE: FHS will send the transcript packet directly to the college/university. FHS does not handle or submit the college application.
- Students are responsible for having official test scores sent directly from the College Board and/or ACT. FHS does not send test scores.

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[FHS Transcript Request Form](#) can be found on the FHS website in the transcript section.

Student must request their transcripts at least 15 school days prior to the college's application deadline.

Transcript Assistant: Ms. McCabe ccmccabe1@fcps.edu 703-219-2202
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm



PLAN AHEAD!

Make sure you have communicated with your school counselor and completed any necessary information (i.e. Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire) if you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

Instructions for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation

Recommendations take TIME and REQUIRE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

- Determine whether or not you will need teacher and/or counselor recommendations (some colleges do not ask for, nor read, recommendations).
- Plan ahead and give your recommenders plenty of time and information so they are able to write the best recommendation possible.
- It is expected that you will provide notice to your recommenders at least 15 school days prior to application due date.

Recommendations fall into two categories:

Teacher Recommendation and Counselor Recommendation

• Teacher Recommendation

- This recommendation should include information regarding the student's academic strengths, habits, and skills that the academic teacher has **directly** observed.
- The student should ask teachers with whom the student had or has good working relationships if they are willing AND able to write a strong letter of recommendation on the student's behalf.
- The student should provide teachers with information to assist in writing the letter, see [Teacher Recommendation Form](#).
- The student should also confirm with the teacher how the recommendation should be submitted.
- The student should provide teachers with a list of colleges for which recommendations are needed and deadlines for those colleges.

• Counselor Recommendation

- This recommendation includes specific comments regarding the student as a person: Individual traits, demonstrated character strengths, activities, etc.
- The student should confirm with his/her counselor the need for a recommendation. The colleges that do not require recommendations do not read them unless there has been extenuating circumstances that address concerns on a student's transcript.
- The student requests recommendation letters for specific colleges by completing the *FHS Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire* Google Doc.
- The student should provide the counselor with information to assist in writing the letter. **The priority deadline for completing the Questionnaire is September 30th!**
 - The student is **required** to complete the questionnaire at least 15 school days before their first application deadline.
 - The more information and details you provide, the stronger the letter of recommendation the counselor will be able to write.
 - Once completed, the student **must** email their counselor to let them know they've shared the Google Doc and would like to request a letter of recommendation. Feel free to also send your resume if you have completed one with your request.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire

If you require a school counselor letter of recommendation for a college or scholarship application, please complete and share (via Google) the [Counselor Letter of Recommendation Questionnaire](#) with your school counselor by September 30, 2024. You must email your school counselor to let them know you've shared the Google Doc with them and would like a letter of recommendation.

Please note, this form is required if you need a counselor letter of recommendation.



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Counselor Letter of Recommendation

If you will need a school counselor letter of recommendation for college/scholarship applications, complete and share (via Google) with your counselor by **September 30, 2024**. If you would like to, you can also share a detailed activity list/resume. (If you need a template, [use this one](#) by logging into your FCPS Google account.)

Student Name:	Cell Phone:
Personal Email:	

The purpose of this self-evaluation is to provide you with an opportunity to think about how you will present yourself to colleges during the application process. You are encouraged to [take your time](#) and [provide detail](#) in your answers, so your counselor can write a thorough recommendation letter. Please be aware that by completing this form, you are giving your counselor permission to share any of this information with the colleges.

1. Choose three adjectives that best describe who you are; provide examples/details for each adjective to explain why the word describes you.

2. What is your Intended Major or Career Interest and why?

3. Briefly describe your family. Will you be the first in your family to go to college?

4. What have been the most valuable courses you have taken and why? (Consider your long-term career plans, courses that allowed you to grow as a learner, skills you learned, etc.)

5. Describe your academic strengths. Share a time when you overcame an academic challenge?

FHS Teacher Recommendation Form

Fairfax High School Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Student Name _____ Request Date _____

Student Email _____ Earliest Application Deadline _____

Teacher Name _____ Intended College Major _____

Important Reminders:

- Allow at least 15 School Days for your teacher to complete the recommendation.
- Before giving your teacher this form, **ASK THE TEACHER** first if they are willing to be a recommender, some teachers have their own questionnaires and will be used in place of this form.
- Select a teacher who can write about your **ACADEMIC MERITS**.
- Please remember to write **THANK YOU NOTES** to your teachers.

To the Teacher:

I would appreciate a letter of recommendation from you because you know me well as a student. Please include in your recommendation, specific examples from class illustrating some of my academic merits, such as my academic motivation, responsibility, creativity, initiative, leadership, growth potential or other outstanding personal qualities you observed in me. The following is a list of projects, assignments and/or events that I remember from your class or subject area that stand out in my mind as significant and may assist you in writing the recommendation:

**Students feel free to attach an additional page of your list if you need more space.*

Please send a copy of the recommendation to the following schools, agencies, and/or scholarships listed below*:

	Common App	School
1. _____	Deadline: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	Deadline: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	Deadline: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Student determines need for recommendations (either teacher and/or counselor); some colleges do not require or read them.

Students should give their recommender(s) at least 15 school days notice.

Here is an optional form that you can use to request letters of recommendation from teachers. Students communicate, and work, directly with their teachers on this part of the process.

DON'T FORGET!!

It is common courtesy to write thank you notes to those who have written your letters of recommendation.

College Visits @ FHS

FHS will offer in-person college visits for the fall of 2024. These visits will allow seniors, juniors and sophomores the opportunity to connect with college admissions representatives, gain valuable information about how different colleges make admissions decisions, and ask questions. These visits are wonderful opportunities for seniors to connect face-to-face with Admissions Officers who may read FHS applications.

How to Sign Up for a College Visit in Naviance 2024-25

1. Log into [Naviance](#)
2. Click on Colleges > College Visits
3. Click on “View Details” and “Register.” Follow instructions to get a pass:
 - I. To get an e-pass for a college visit, you must request your teachers permission to be excused from class at least 24 hours in advance of the visit.
 - II. Enter the following in Securely Pass: Create an Appointment, From: Teacher whose class you are asking to be excused, To: COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER, Enter date, period, and time of visit. Reason: (Name of school) College Visit (example: JMU College Visit),
 - III. **Submit to your teacher at least 24 hours in advance of the visit!**

[Help Sheet on how to get a Securely Pass](#)

College Visits

Search for colle

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

09:00AM

University of Southern California

Career Center

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

10:45AM

Bates College

Career Center

Register Now

View Details

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16

02:15PM

American University

Career Center

Register Now

View Details

The complete College Visit List is available [here](#) and in [Naviance](#). Only students will have the option to register for the college visits. Parents have “view only” access to [Naviance](#).

For questions, email Ms. Kim at mhkim@fcps.edu

College Visits @ FHS

College	Representative	Location	Date
University of Southern California	Matthew Mangione	Career Center	9/16/24 9:00 AM
Bates College	Vincent Scott	Career Center	9/16/24 10:45 AM
American University	Andrea Wotherspoon	Career Center	9/16/24 2:15 PM
University of Utah	Joyce Lee	Career Center	9/17/24 9:00 AM
Wentworth Institute of Technology	Robert Giannelli	Career Center	9/17/24 11:30 AM
George Mason University	Pat Money	Cafeteria	9/19/24 9:00 AM
University of Virginia-Main Campus	Jeannine Lalonde	Cafeteria	9/19/24 2:00 PM
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Ryan Kelly	Career Center	9/23/24 9:00 AM
Sweet Briar College	Margaret Lewis	Career Center	9/23/24 11:30 AM
University of Vermont	Brooke Willett	Career Center	9/23/24 2:15 PM
University of Mississippi	Debbie Wesley	Career Center	9/24/24 10:45 AM
Hampden-Sydney College	Tyler Langhorn	Career Center	9/24/24 12:30 PM
York College of Pennsylvania	Lauren Bryant	Career Center	9/24/24 1:30 PM
St. Mary's College of Maryland	Jessica Lane	Career Center	9/24/24 2:15 PM
Hofstra University	Caroline Treco	Career Center	9/25/24 9:00 AM
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Latori Gregory	Career Center	9/25/24 10:45 AM
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Jerry Jarding	Career Center	9/25/24 11:30 AM
Marist College	Jesse Mungin	Career Center	9/25/24 1:30 PM
Bucknell University	Anna Fox-Holladay	Career Center	9/25/24 2:15 PM
University of Rhode Island	Sarah Kelly	Career Center	9/26/24 9:00 AM
Radford University	Alexis Jenkins	Career Center	9/26/24 10:45 AM
Longwood University	Brandi Eggleton	Career Center	9/30/24 10:45 AM
Randolph College	Scott Cooper	Career Center	10/1/24 11:30 AM
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Jordan Lock	Career Center	10/2/24 12:30 PM
University of Richmond	Reginald Barnette	Career Center	10/2/24 2:15 PM
Salisbury University	Rahsaan Ellis	Career Center	10/7/24 9:00 AM
Binghamton University	Mikayla Ridley	Career Center	10/7/24 10:45 AM
University of Mary Washington	Sarah Lindberg	Career Center	10/7/24 11:30 AM
Loyola University Maryland	Langston McCatty	Career Center	10/7/24 1:30 PM
The University of Alabama	Elizabeth Dugas	Career Center	10/7/24 2:15 PM
William & Mary	Ella Knight	Auditorium	10/8/24 9:00 AM
James Madison University	John Pulley	Auditorium	10/8/24 10:15 AM

The Catholic University of America	Everett Duncan	Career Center	10/8/24 12:30 PM
Roanoke College	Kayla McKinney	Career Center	10/8/24 1:30 PM
High Point University	Zachary Olguin	Career Center	10/8/24 2:15 PM
Mount St. Mary's University	Brandon Rockwell	Career Center	10/10/24 9:00 AM
Greensboro College	Kayla Rohr	Career Center	10/10/24 10:45 AM
Randolph-Macon College	Olivia Kitt	Career Center	10/10/24 12:30 PM
University of South Florida-Main Campus	Melissa Sharrock	Career Center	10/10/24 1:30 PM
University of Scranton	Emily Yurgosky	Career Center	10/11/24 1:30 PM
Bridgewater College	Nathan Douglas	Career Center	10/15/24 9:00 AM
West Virginia University	Mandy Weaver	Career Center	10/15/24 10:45 AM
Mercer University	Ashley Stephens	Career Center	10/15/24 11:30 AM
Appalachian State University	Lindsay Cotten	Career Center	10/15/24 12:30 PM
University of Delaware	Casey Padgett	Career Center	10/15/24 2:15 PM
Vanderbilt University	Alicia Abernathy	Career Center	10/18/24 9:00 AM
Virginia Tech	Mario Cruz	MPR, Room C105	10/18/24 10:15 AM
Miami University-Oxford	Melissa Ward	Career Center	10/18/24 11:30 AM
Old Dominion University	Undergraduate Admissions	Career Center	10/18/24 1:30 PM
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Patrick McDougall	Career Center	10/18/24 2:15 PM
Stevenson University	Brad Karner	Career Center	10/21/24 9:00 AM
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Amanda Wolk	Career Center	10/21/24 10:45 AM
Pace University	Michael Fazzino	Career Center	10/21/24 12:30 PM
Michigan State University	Larry Alterman	Career Center	10/21/24 1:30 PM
Christopher Newport University	Yoma Miller	Career Center	10/21/24 2:15 PM
University of Connecticut	Justin Guy Dumdum	Career Center	10/22/24 9:00 AM
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Luis Portillo	Career Center	10/22/24 10:45 AM
Juniata College	Heather Pearson	Career Center	10/22/24 11:30 AM
Utah State University	Camille Gledhill	Career Center	10/22/24 1:30 PM
Elizabethtown College	Sarah Sandberg	Career Center	10/22/24 2:15 PM
Furman University	Victoria Egan	Career Center	10/23/24 10:45 AM
Case Western Reserve University	Rae Ann DiBaggio	Career Center	10/23/24 12:30 PM
Marymount University	Lauren Bennett	Career Center	10/23/24 1:30 PM
Washington College	Carlee Berkenkemper	Career Center	10/23/24 2:15 PM
Bentley University	Olivia Olcott	Career Center	10/24/24 9:00 AM
University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Sarah Yamson	Career Center	10/24/24 11:30 AM
College of Charleston	Stacey Thomas	Career Center	10/25/24 12:30 PM
St Olaf College	Jordan Castillo	Career Center	10/25/24 1:30 PM
Northern Virginia Community College	Collyn Alford	Cafeteria	11/13/24 10:15 AM

Naviance & x2VOL

Naviance is a comprehensive, [online](#) resource. Naviance supports students in creating their [Academic and Career Plan](#) and post-secondary plans. Students find and track [service learning opportunities](#) through the use of x2VOL which is accessed through Naviance.

Students access Naviance online at www.fcps.edu/naviance

Naviance allows students to...

- ❖ **RESEARCH COLLEGES:** Explore college possibilities, view FHS college admission statistics, match to best-fit colleges, identify college majors. Add colleges to your “Favorites” list to stay organized and informed!
- ❖ **COLLEGE VISITS:** View the schedule of college visits and register to attend. These visits will allow students the opportunity to connect with college admissions representatives, gain additional information and ask questions.
- ❖ **RESEARCH CAREERS:** Explore career pathways, take career assessments and interest inventories.
- ❖ **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Access the scholarship list, which includes school-based, county, and local scholarships.
- ❖ **x2VOL:** Find local volunteer opportunities and track your service learning hours.



COLLEGE INFO.

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Naviance logo on the left and menu items: Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers, Colleges (highlighted), and Planner. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'College Home' and includes links for 'Find Your fit', 'SuperMatch College Search', 'Scattergrams', 'Advanced College Search', and 'College Lookup'. The second column is titled 'Research Colleges' and includes links for 'Colleges I'm Thinking About', 'College Visits', 'College Compare', 'Enrichment Programs', and 'College Maps'. The third column is titled 'Apply to College' and includes links for 'Colleges I'm Applying to', 'Manage Transcripts', and 'Test Scores'.

CAREER INFO.

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface for the Career Info section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Naviance logo on the left and menu items: Home, Self-Discovery, Courses, Careers (highlighted), Colleges, and Planner. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a heart, a dropdown arrow, and an envelope with a '2' notification badge. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'Career Exploration' and includes links for 'Favorite Careers and Clusters', 'Explore Careers', and 'Explore Clusters and Pathways'. The second column is titled 'Military Exploration' and includes links for 'Favorite Military Branches' and 'Explore Military Branches'. The third column is titled 'Experiential Exploration' and includes links for 'Explore Roadtrip Nation Videos' and 'x2vol'.

Naviance & x2VOL

x2VOL is the tool that FCPS middle and high schools use to support students with finding, tracking, and verifying service hours electronically. Students login to x2VOL through [this Naviance link](#) on the FCPS website.

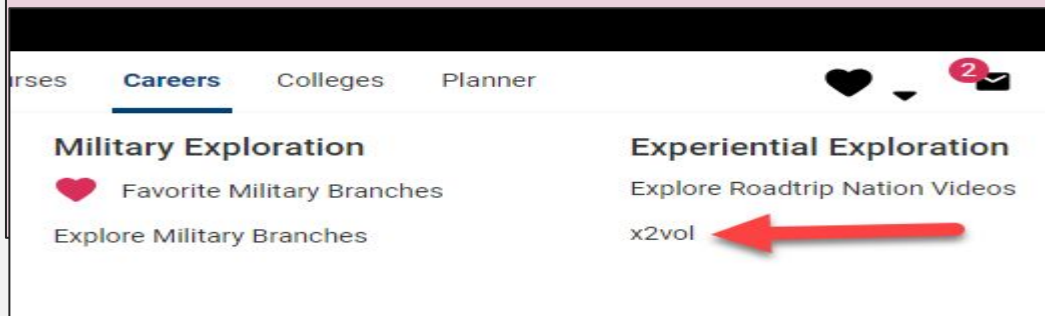
- ✓ Students should track their hours in **x2VOL**. See: [Instructions on how to input hours](#)
- ✓ Students are able to earn a diploma in the Commonwealth of Virginia without completing service hours
- ✓ 40 hours = black service learning cord to wear at graduation
- ✓ 50 hours with additional criteria = apply for [The Board of Education's Seal of Excellence in Civics Education](#)
- ✓ 50 exclusive hours related to science service with additional criteria = apply for [The Science & Environmental Seal](#)
- ✓ Students who do not complete yearly service hours or who complete fewer than 40 hours over the course of high school will still be able to graduate

HOW TO ACCESS x2VOL:

1. Go to the Naviance login page, www.fcps.edu/naviance

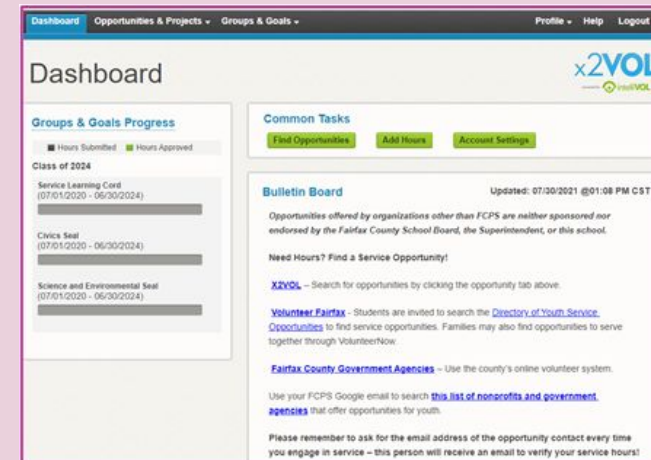


2. Click on "Careers" and select "x2VOL."



3. If you have never signed into x2VOL, follow the prompts and complete your profile. ****Assign yourself to the Class of (year you will graduate)**** and this information will be verified by FHS.

4. x2VOL Dashboard is where you will Add Hours, Find Opportunities, View Groups & Goals Progress.



Students must use x2VOL to get credit for their service learning hours.

Additional places to look for volunteer opportunities:

- ★ [FCPS Service Learning website](#), [FCPS Work-Based Learning Google Site](#)
- ★ [Volunteer Fairfax](#)
- ★ [Fairfax County Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- ★ Volunteer Binder - In FHS Career Center, under Ms. Kim's SmartBoard
- ★ [FHS College and Career Center Newsletters](#)
- ★ Herralink: <https://www.herralink.com/>
- ★ Foo-Moo: <https://www.foo-moo.com/volunteer>

SAT vs. ACT

	Digital SAT	Paper ACT
Format	Digital only via a College Board app	Paper-and-Pencil
Timing	2 hours and 14 minutes	2 hours and 55 minutes
Accommodations	All timing accommodations are available. Students whose accommodations require a paper test will still be able to take a paper-and-pencil test.	For information on how to request testing accommodations, visit www.compassprep.com/accommodations-requests-sat-vs-act
Structure	Stage Adaptive The difficulty of a section's second stage is based on performance in the first stage; the test tailors the second stage to the student	Static The test does not change based on a student's performance
Sections	2 Sections, each with 2 Stages Reading and Writing Combined R&W Stage 1 (32 min, 27 items) Combined R&W Stage 2 (32 min, 27 items) Math Math Stage 1 (35 min, 22 items) Math Stage 2 (35 min, 22 items)	4 Tests English (45 min, 75 items) Math (60 minutes, 60 items) Reading (35 min, 40 items) Science (35 min, 40 items) Optional Essay (40 minutes, 1 item)
Equating or Unscored Questions	Both the Reading and Writing and the Math tests will have 4 unscored questions mixed in with the scored questions	Students often receive a fifth section of unscored questions that are used for equating purposes
Test Scores	400–1600 Total Score 200–800 Reading and Writing 200–800 Math Digital SAT scores are equivalent to paper SAT scores. No new SAT-ACT Concordance is necessary.	1–36 Composite Score (rounded average of test scores) 1–36 each test: English, Math, Reading, and Science

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

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The 2025-26 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, is expected to be released on: **December 1, 2024.**

For the most updated information on the FAFSA, please see the [College Access Fairfax](#) website. College Access Fairfax will provide free workshops for FCPS families once the FAFSA is released.

Look out for Ms. Kim's emails for details!



See College Access Fairfax website [Resources](#) page for helpful guides and previous recordings of their Paying for College Workshops/Seminars.

Learn more about financial aid by attending:

Region 5's Paying for College Night

Thursday, October 10

7:00 pm

@ Woodson High School

9525 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22031

** Spanish & Arabic Interpretations will be available.*



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FHS-Exclusive Scholarships for Seniors

These scholarships, **once they become available**, will be advertised to students with eligibility requirements, additional details and application due dates. **These scholarships are based on the previous school year, please note that any changes will be reflected when the scholarship application is available for the current school year.**

City of Fairfax School Board Janice Miller Scholarship \$2,000: Graduating senior with GPA of 3.0 or better, attending a 2- or 4-year college or university, community service and leadership as demonstrated by curricular or extracurricular activities, and community-based service, and an essay of 500 words or less describing your personal goals and reasons for pursuing your chosen field of study and/or career and a statement of financial need.

Fairfax Rotary Memorial Scholarship \$5,000: Open to FHS seniors planning to attend a Virginia in-state, public 4-year university in the fall. Must be US Citizen or permanent legal resident to apply. Selection based on financial need, character, and scholastic performance. Additional requirement will be to include an essay of 1-2 pages on "Why I am proud to be an American."

Fairfax Rotary Club's Setty Family Scholarship \$5,000: Open to FHS seniors planning to attend a Virginia in-state, public 4-year college university in the fall. Must be US Citizen or legal permanent resident to apply. Selection based on financial need, character, and scholastic performance. Additional requirement will be to include an essay of 1-2 pages on the following: "The Rotary Club's Motto is: Service Above Self. Describe a group, organization or community that you are involved in and how you have served this group."

Fairfax Rotary Club's NOVA Scholarships: Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Criteria for selection: Open to FHS seniors planning to attend Northern Virginia Community College in the fall. Must be US Citizen or permanent legal resident to apply. Selection based on financial need, character, and scholastic performance. Additional requirement will be to include an essay of 1-2 pages on "How I see myself five to ten years from the present."

For the complete FCPS database of Scholarships, go to Naviance, [https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges - Scholarship Search](https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges-ScholarshipSearch)

FHS-Exclusive Scholarships for Seniors (continued)

Fairfax Rotary Paul J Brown Community Service Award \$500: This award will go to an FHS senior with at least a 3.0 GPA who is a US Citizen or permanent legal resident. The student must have strong moral character and have participated actively in serving the community through service hours or by establishing or participating in service projects.

Justen and Carolyn Pitches Scholarship \$2,500: Open to FAIRFAX CITY RESIDENTS graduating from Fairfax High School and planning to attend NOVA in the Fall. Selection will be based on financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activities, Please answer the following essay question: "Describe a person or event that impacted your life. How has this person or experience inspired you to strive to succeed?"

John W Thomasson Memorial Foundation Scholarship \$3,000: Awarded to an FHS senior who has committed to attending Virginia Tech as a Biological Sciences (or related) major.

Loretta Khayam Scholarship \$1,500: For a graduating senior from Fairfax High School who has attained a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or below, and, by graduation, has completed math courses no higher than Algebra II. Candidates should plan on pursuing further education at a two- or four-year accredited institution or technical school. This scholarship is managed by College Access Fairfax each year: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/scholarships/> and usually due in February.

Scholarships that Require FHS Nomination

Ms. Kim will advertise the requirements and deadlines for the following nomination-required scholarships in both Naviance and "Scholarships for Seniors" emails.

UVA Jefferson Scholars (full scholarship to UVA): <https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/> FHS can nominate one senior who best exemplifies excellence in the Jeffersonian ideals of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

UVA Walentas Scholars for First Generation Students (full scholarship to UVA): <https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/> FHS can nominate one senior who best exemplifies excellence in the Jeffersonian ideals of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship, and are the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university.

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Scholarships that Require FHS Nomination (continued)

Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award, \$25,000: Every high school in Virginia can nominate one graduating senior who demonstrates a combination of academic accomplishments, excellence of character, qualities of leadership, good citizenship and devotion to duty:
<https://byrdleadershipaward.org/>

VHSL Allstate Achievement Scholarship, \$1,500: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to seniors who have excelled in the classroom and in athletic and academic activities. FHS can nominate one male and one female athlete, one Courageous Achievement and one Academic VHSL Activities participant.

VHSL Savedge Award, \$500: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to a senior who has participated and excelled in school publications (magazines, newspapers, yearbooks) and for at least two years demonstrated outstanding personal qualities such as leadership, writing proficiency, design aptitude, creativity, teamwork, and character.

W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation, Teaching Scholarship, \$2,000: This is a local scholarship for students with at least at 2.7 GPA who plan to attend a four-year college which offers a teacher education/certification program, major in education and plan to teach after college graduation. Visit <https://www.fcpe.org/scholarship/> for details.

Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award: A one-year, merit-based \$5,000 Virginia Tech tuition scholarship. The scholarship is open to students applying to all majors. Pamplin Leaders are students who demonstrate superior intellectual promise and academic performance, dedication to their communities, interest and success in physical fitness and health, and unimpeachable integrity. *Students who accept this award must also agree to join the University Honors and work toward an honors diploma.* FHS can nominate one senior for this award.

For the complete FCPS database of Scholarships, go to Naviance, [https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance: Colleges - Scholarship Search](https://www.fcps.edu/Naviance:Colleges-ScholarshipSearch)

Some Local Scholarships

College Access Fairfax: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/scholarships/> College Access Fairfax offers several scholarships exclusively to FCPS students.

Optimist Club of Central Fairfax \$2,000: One scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from one of the following schools: Fairfax, Lake Braddock, Robinson, or Woodson. Criteria: scholastic achievements (20%), extracurricular activities and achievements, including community service activities and after school work (30%), a written essay (20%) and a personal interview (30%).

Federal Water Quality Association (Environmental or Engineering), \$2,000: Three scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who plan to pursue environmental careers: <http://www.fwqa-dc.org/scholarships.php>

Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators and Coaches Association (NVADACA) Scholarships 25 \$5,000 scholarships: Seniors who have participated in a Virginia High School League sanctioned sport, cheerleaders or those who served as team managers or athletic trainers. Visit <http://www.nvadaca.org/scholarship-applications/> for details.

Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarships 25 \$3,000 scholarships: <https://www.applefcu.org/Appleweb/AppleScholarships>
Awards are given to students whose individual accomplishments demonstrate a distinguished impact on their family, school or community. Consideration is given to students who have overcome obstacles or encountered unique life experiences. Must be a member of Apple Federal Credit Union, and a senior with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

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FCPS Facilitated Scholarships

These scholarships are typically submitted to the FHS College & Career Center. From the applicant pool, FHS will forward selected nominees to FCPS for consideration.

Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship, \$1,000: Demonstrated integrity, leadership, service to school and community, academic excellence, athletic merit. FHS will submit one application to FCPS.

Vulcan Materials Scholarship, \$2,000/renewable: FHS can nominate ONE senior for this award. Must be US citizen and must have resided in Northern Virginia for at least 4 years immediately preceding his/her nomination. Preference is given to students planning to attend a college in Virginia. Criteria: financial need, academic accomplishment and ability, extracurricular activities and an essay.

William J. Foreman Memorial Scholarship, up to \$2,000: Open to graduating high school seniors from Fairfax County who demonstrate academic achievement and potential; an ability to overcome significant adversity; and a financial need. Priority will be given to those who have experienced homelessness, foster care, or a lack of substantial family support during their high school career.

Michell Merhige Scholarship \$1,500: This scholarship is to provide recognition and financial assistance to a graduating senior of FCPS with academic strength and potential, ability to overcome adversity and demonstrated financial need. Priority will be given to those who have experienced homelessness, been in foster care, or lacked substantial family support.

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Disclaimer: Scholarships offered by organizations other than Fairfax County Public Schools are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.

Competitive Scholarship for Low-Income Students

Questbridge was founded in 1994 and is a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California that connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading colleges and opportunities. By working with these students — beginning in high school through college to their first job — QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their careers and communities. More information can be found at: <https://www.questbridge.org/>. Interested students should contact their school counselor. The Questbridge application is due in late September.

Academic Common Market

Students seeking a major/program not offered by a college in Virginia may qualify for in-state tuition rates at an out-of-state school. [This website](#) lists the agreements established between states and schools for particular programs. Students must be accepted to the school in that specific program in order to qualify for in-state rates. Agreements are updated annually but there are currently 120 separate agreements for VA residents for bachelor's degree programs.

Non-Resident Scholarships for Virginia Students

There are some out of state colleges/universities that award scholarship money and/or tuition discounts to reduce the cost of tuition. This information should be verified with each institution. Below are some examples. Questions should be directed to the institution.

[University of Alabama](#)

[Kent State University \(OH\)](#)

[Mississippi State University](#)

[Auburn University](#)

[University of Kentucky](#)

[University of Mississippi](#)

[Clemson University \(SC\)](#)

[Miami University of Ohio](#)

[Ohio State University](#)

[Colorado State University](#)

[Michigan State University](#)

[University of South Florida](#)

[University of New Hampshire](#)

[University of Missouri](#)

[University of South Carolina](#)

Websites worth checking out: These are not endorsed by FCPS, simply a few examples of websites you can check out: [Apply](#) [CollegeBoard](#) [FastWeb](#) [FinAid](#) [Niche](#) [RaiseMe](#) [SallieMae](#) [Unigo](#) [Going Merry](#)

Reminders: Never pay to be considered for a scholarship and be mindful when sharing personal information. Never share your bank account details.

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